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Reply to Office Action of April 12, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-18, 20 and 22-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13 and 14 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 14, 15 and 20 are hereby amended. Claims 6, 8, 19 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to include features of allowed claims 8 and 21, respectively. Independent claim 14 has been amended similar to claim 13. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 13 and 14 are allowable.

The other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

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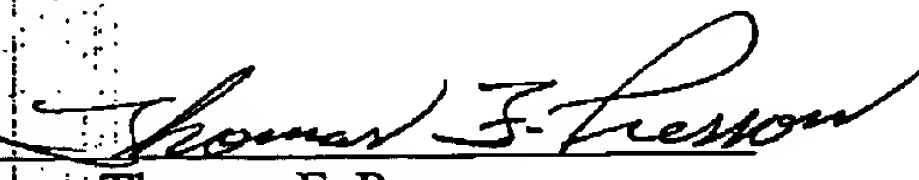
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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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